

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1215

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Alexander Keith McVeagh for his outstanding tenure as Research Analyst for the Senate Judiciary Committee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Alexander Keith McVeagh, who soon will be resigning from his post as the Research Analyst for the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, originally from Louisiana, where he attended Episcopal School of Acadiana, Mr. McVeagh holds a degree in Economics from Vanderbilt University and has studied International Politics at the University of Melbourne; and

WHEREAS, Alex McVeagh brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill in December of 2008, when he became the Research Analyst for the Senate Judiciary Committee; he has uniformly earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and supervisors while contributing immeasurably to the work of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, perhaps blissfully unaware of the daunting task facing him in replacing Michelle as the Senate Judiciary Research Analyst, Alex nevertheless plunged onward and cajoled, encouraged, ignored history, browbeat, shamed, taught, displayed situational deafness, and, foremost, led Senate Judiciary out of the technological Pleistocene Period by turning the Committee a greener shade of pale; while conclusively proving along the way that worrying, pacing, fidgeting, overreacting, panicking, overthinking, and being nervous, anxious, uneasy

and sometimes even flutter are not, as often thought, the exclusive province of those with X chromosomes; and

WHEREAS, quite the talented young man, Alex's "green initiative" was a self-developed computer program for the Senate Judiciary Committee that would allow the members to use their computers in meetings to access all of the relevant information and thus make the committee paperless and more efficient; the program also enabled the information to be viewed by the audience in attendance; and

WHEREAS, while one would think that enabling the Committee to do its best work in an eco-friendly manner would consume all of his available time, it is not prudent to underestimate the multi-tasking Alex, who, with the aid of massive quantities of "government coffee," still managed to audition for the lead role in the "Grizzly Adams" remake, traveled to New Orleans to watch his beloved Saints in the Super Bowl, although the game was actually played in Miami, served as a motor vehicle bail bondsman for someone's impounded truck, amused and amazed his colleagues by incessantly practicing his interrogation techniques on them in an attempt to elicit personal information, perhaps with a view to becoming a gossip columnist, and, using his Crown Vic unmarked squad car, played the Morgan Freeman role in "Driving Ms. Patti"; and

WHEREAS, leaving the legislative staff to pursue a career in law, Alex has been accepted at the University of Tennessee College of Law, but after much soul searching and forward thinking, he decided not to attend there and has narrowed his choice to several law schools north of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, although he takes leave of his fellow state employees, they will long remember his brilliant mind and genuine love of people, his passion for politics and public service, and his unkempt hair; and

WHEREAS, Alex McVeagh is a young person who has had responsibilities early in life that have helped him develop into a compassionate, well-mannered, articulate, and nurturing person; whatever course he sets for his future, he will successfully arrive at his destination; and

WHEREAS once again, the Senate Judiciary Committee has produced yet another Research Analyst who is ideally suited and qualified to not only succeed and excel in law school but also to embark upon a long and distinguished career in the legal profession which, of

course, should scare this body sufficiently to cause it to conduct an immediate reevaluation of not only the job description for that position but the entire interview process to determine what mistakes, errors, mishaps, miscommunications and lapses in judgment keep resulting in the production of potential lawyers; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Alexander McVeagh is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his parents, Keith McVeagh and Cindy McVeagh, and his sister, Meghan McVeagh; and

WHEREAS, Alexander McVeagh is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Alexander McVeagh for his exceptional service as a Research Analyst for the Senate Judiciary Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.